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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PINEVIEW WATER COMPANY, INC., FOR **AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PROMISSORY** 

NOTE(S) AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS PAYABLE AT PERIODS OF

MORE THAN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE.

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AN INCREASE IN ITS WATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN NAVAJO COUNTY. ARIZONA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

PINEVIEW WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR

DOCKET NO. W-01676A-04-0463

DOCKET NO. W-01676A-04-0500

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PINVIEW'S LATE-FILED **AFFIDAVIT** 

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission give no weight to the recently filed affidavit of Ron McDonald. The reasons for the request are twofold. First, Pineview had months of discovery, three days of hearings, and closing briefs to bring up McDonald's alleged claims and failed to do so at the appropriate times. The record is already closed, and closing briefs are already filed.

Second, the paperwork accompanying Mr. McDonald's affidavit is once again a companyproduced document and is not an actual receipt to prove that the money is going for the stated exceptions. As outlined in Staff's closing brief, Pineview has a history of bad bookkeeping and comingling of funds. This appears to be just another example of this.

And even if Mr. McDonald's self-made insurance documentation is correct, Staff still believes its disallowance of benefits is fair and justified. When the company filed its application, it included an operating income statement in the amount of \$231,295. ENZ-11 Elena Zestrijan Direct Testimony Jan. 20. 2005. Employee pensions and benefits amounted to \$37,171, or approximately 16 percent of the total salaries. Id. Staff disallowed \$47,015 worth of salaries and likewise

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1	proportionally disallowed \$7,557 of total benefits, or approximately 16 percent of the \$47,015 worth
2	of salaries. This disallowance is a consistent approach, since as stated above, benefits within
3	Pineview are equal to 16 percent of the salaries. (Please note that even though Pineview claims that
4	\$37,171 went to both pension and benefits, Staff failed to find any accounting entry for a pension
5	fund when reviewing the accounting books in this application.)
6	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this April 2005.
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